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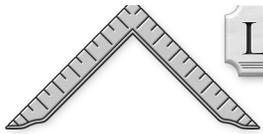


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### LOOK TO THE EAST

## Three Great Tenets

As we start a new year and look forward to the upcoming events and degrees and meetings, I'd like to take a minute to reflect on the three great tenets of our institution: brotherly love, relief, and truth. They are, on the surface, quite simple and basic, yet (as with so much in Masonry) they carry with them even deeper and more philosophical meanings. What follows will likely be neither deep nor philosophical, but I shall meander on the subject nonetheless.

I can tell you that over the past few months, as I have prepared myself and our Lodge for the coming year, the flow of brotherly love has been uplifting and heartening. And even more so as I have stepped into the role of Master of the Lodge. Brothers have come to me and offered advice and assistance and well wishes, and I thank you all.

Whenever I see a Brother stepping up to help out another in Lodge, it does my heart good. And I see it a lot. Of course there are Brothers working hard in their offices to keep the lights on and make each meeting and each event a success. But there are others who volunteer and work behind the scenes and receive far less credit than those in the chairs, and others still who just lend a hand clearing a table or holding a door open. Simple, basic gestures, but they are all performed with the absence of social, political, or financial status, without hidden agendas and ulterior motives; just acts of brotherly love.

I often think of brotherly love and relief as being tied together, and the relief of a Brother is one of the greatest acts we can undertake as Masons. But within Masonry, relief also alludes to charity. For me, Masonic charity was one of the primary reasons I joined the fraternity. I wanted an avenue that would help me to give back to my community more than I had managed to do on my own. And this year I hope to rally behind that sentiment. Already we have several good offers and ideas for charitable relief, and I see no reason why we can't do all of them. Our contribution last year to the local battered women's shelter was well received and I would be happy to have our Lodge listed as one of their benefactors again this year. There are a couple more ideas for which we haven't yet solidified the details, so I will abstain from discussing them for now. Some of these may require more action than just tossing some money in a hat (though that act is never frowned upon), so I hope you can join us when the time comes.

Finally, let's talk about truth. This one struck me as slightly odd when I first heard it, primarily because I only thought of truth as the opposite of dishonesty. Not that I thought honesty to be a poor choice of precept for Masonry, it just didn't seem to carry with it the same weight and depth of the other two. But I have come to understand truth also as the act of being true; faithful; steadfast; honorable. And with that definition, the tenet of truth becomes so much more for me. I have known bad people in my life, I think we all have. What continues to amaze and delight me about Masonry is that it surrounds me with genuinely good, true men. And being surrounded by truth helps me to be true myself, and a sort of synergy of truth is achieved.

If there is meaning to these short lives we are given it is (at least for me) that we must become the very best people we can be. These tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth, and the teachings around them in Masonry, continue to help me strive forward on that journey, and be the best man I can be. And for that I owe thanks to each of you, my Brothers.

Danny Baker  
Worshipful Master



### FROM THE WEST



## Tidings from the West

Greetings Brothers!

This is my first of many newsletter articles from the West as we get underway here in 2014. I began contemplating it on the Saturday of our Installation as I was the second person in the room to take their proper seat – after the Worshipful Master. This station is, just that, the one just after the WM – and that in many ways sums up the duties of this chair. Should the WM not be present for a meeting, I am expected to sit in his stead. I should always be ready to help, aid, and assist him during this upcoming year, and as Danny and I are good friends, I know that this will in no way be a hardship. We have moved steadily through the chairs together and did much of the planning and prep work for this year in the preceding one. I know he will have an excellent year, but I will be waiting in the wings to answer the call if needs be.

One of the first major events that I will need to “answer the call” for is coming up in February, specifically, our Sweethearts Dinner on Sunday, February 16th. The dinner will once again be at Mancinni's in Downtown St. Paul. We had a tremendous time last year – the room was packed with brothers and their sweethearts. The food was great, the drinks were great, and the chance to reconnect with everyone was even better. My wife, Mary, and PM Joe's wife, Lisa, have again agreed to graciously set up the host the evening and I will do my best to fill in for the WM. The room opens at 5:30 that evening for drinks and conversation, with dinner at 6:00 and we have it until 10:00 – just in case you don't plan on rushing off to watch Downton Abbey as I may be! The cost you might ask... same as last year is only *\$50.00 per couple* – which includes hors d'oeuvres, relish tray, appetizers and salad, dinner with your choice of steak, chicken, walleye, or vegetarian, wine with your meal, and desert! A cash bar has also been requested.

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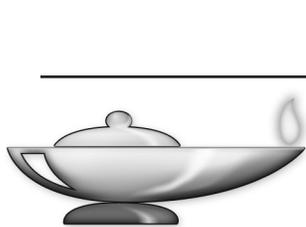
Please do us the courtesy of submitting your RSVP to the website: <http://www.ancientlandmark5.com/> and clicking on the RSVP tab. You do not need to make your dinner selection until that night, they will have a special menu for us to select from and will cook them to order. A separate flyer will be heading your way soon (designed by our Worshipful Master) please RSVP as soon as possible for this memorable evening.

The next event that I will be filling the chair in the East is of course for our long standing tradition of moving seats so that each of the Principal Officers has the pleasure of performing a degree during the year. I will be in the east in March for our Entered Apprentice degree – and I am already sweating. Danny did an amazing job last year, and I hope, with the help of all of my degree team, to put on a similar display. The degree will take place on Thursday, March 27th at 7pm – with dinner beforehand starting at 6pm. Please come down and support our candidates as they take their first steps into the craft. We will have rehearsals on Tuesday, March 11th and Thursday, March 20th – please keep an eye on your inbox as I put together the team and we prepare in the months to come.

Finally, Danny and I, as well as the rest of the above mentioned Installation members from this past January were all honored by several of our brothers from Canada and their ladies braving the cold temperatures and attending the event. This immediately put me in mind of our mutual obligations we will have to them next year – as we host the next joint celebration in 2014. Several brothers have already come forward with excellent ideas of events and locations to keep us all suitably busy – with suggestions as diverse as brewery tours to segway tours - but I am still looking for your ideas, please share them with me at: [seniorwarden@ancientlandmark5.com](mailto:seniorwarden@ancientlandmark5.com).

I look forward to the year to come and their work of our Lodge.

Jeremy Nienow  
Senior Warden, AL#5



## LODGE EDUCATION OFFICER

Back in early November WB Alan Peterson invited a few of us over for a lunch and discussion on keeping the Lodge strong in the future. Alan provided a good lunch and the we retired to his three season porch where Alan fed his wood burning stove and we sat down to a good and productive discussion. I sat in a comfortable rocking chair next to the stove and rocked while food was digestive, and ideas brought forward. Good ideas, good food, comfortable rocker, the warmth of a fire. See where this is going? Yes, my eyes started to close, no they did close, but I'm sure it was only for a couple of seconds. When I looked up everyone was looking back and was quiet. Nothing was said and the discussion continued.

There is something to learn from this. Good food, a warm fire and a comfortable rocking chair did have a factor in this, but there was another element. I knew I was safe and sound with lodge brothers in attendance and with nothing to fear I could close my eyes and be vulnerable and yet know I was in good hands.

So this year while I'm giving a presentation if I notice anyone drifting off I'll know it's not because I'm boring, but they feel safe and protected in the lodge.



## LODGE INSTALLATION 2014



## NEXT STATED MEETING

February 13th





## THE SECRETARY'S DESK

### Secretary's Report

The work of Ancient Landmark Lodge No 5 for the year 2013 is as follows:

As of December 31, 2012 there were 261 Members.

During 2013 nine new Brothers were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, two attended the Grand Lodge's One Day to Masonry program and seven attended the Spring and Fall Degree at the Lodge. Two Brothers Affiliated to our lodge, and one Brother was restored providing a total membership of 273 members.

During 2013 Nine Brothers were called to the Celestial Lodge, one Brother demitted, three brothers withdrew, one brother was Expelled and seven are being Stricken from the Rolls for Nonpayment of Dues.

As of December 31 2013 there were 252 Members.

Through the year Four Masonic Funeral rites were performed.

Two ROTC Scholarships were awarded in May, followed by 10 secondary or post-secondary scholarships in July for a total of \$12,000, matching funds were provided by Masonic Charities in the amount of \$2000 divided evenly among the latter 10.

The Lodge matched the brothers' donation in a Fraternal needs case this year in the amount of \$500, and matched the brothers' donations to the Woman's Advocacy in the amount of \$200 for Christmas gift cards, matching funds were provided by Masonic Charities in the amount of \$475.

The Lodge was well attended throughout the year including visiting Grand Lodge Officers, Representatives' and the Grand Master.

There are 69 Members with outstanding Dues for 2014 including 3 members who have 50 or more years. These 3 will be exempt from paying. There are 11 members that are two years overdue.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Jacobsen  
Secretary

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Thursday, February 13th - Stated Meeting

6:00pm Dinner, 7:00pm Meeting

### Sunday, February 16th - Sweetheart's Dinner

5:30pm Hors d'oeuvres, 6:00pm Dinner

### Thursday, February 27th - Game Night

6:00pm Games, Food & Fun

### Thursday, March 13th - Stated Meeting

6:00pm Dinner, 7:00pm Meeting

### Thursday, March 27th - Entered Apprentice Degree

6:00pm Dinner, 7:00pm Degree

### Friday, March 28th - Montgomery Table Lodge

5:30pm - 9:00pm Dinner

### Thursday, April 10th - Stated Meeting

6:00pm Dinner, 7:00pm Meeting

### Thursday, April 24th - Fellowcraft Degree

6:00pm Dinner, 7:00pm Degree

### Thursday, May 8th - Stated Meeting

6:00pm Dinner, 7:00pm Meeting

### Saturday, June 7th - Master Mason Degree

8:30am Coffee & Donuts, 9:00am Degree



# LODGE of SORROW 2014



*And we shall become immortal by our deeds which will live on after us.*

Name	Birth	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Celestial Lodge
Lynn Johnson	04/26/1924	11/18/1958	12/18/1958	01/20/1959	01/12/2014



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